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SUMMARY: IAEA REGULAR BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1978 AMOUNTS TO \$49,134,000, AT \$5,633,000 R 12.9 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1977. SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF THIS INCREASE IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO AN INCREASE OF 28 PROFESSIONAL POSTS, OF WHICH 23 ARE IN DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS, AND 34 GS POSTS, OF WHICH 14 ARE IN DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS. ASSESSMENT ON MEMBER STATE IS \$45,018,000, OF WHICH U.S. SHARE IS \$10,533,483. MISSION BELIEVES AGENCY BUDGET FOR 1978 IN GENERAL IS FULLY JUSTIFIED, SUBJECT TO DETAILED COMMENTS WHICH FOLLOW BELOW, AND MISSION RECOMMENDS U.S. DEL BE AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT FULL AMOUNT OF THIS PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1978. MISSION ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT U.S. BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT \$500,000 INCREASE IN TARGET
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FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, I.E., TO \$6.5 MILLION, WITH FLEXIBILITY TO AGREE TO \$7 MILLION TARGET IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO REACH CONSENSUS. COMMENTS BELOW ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS NOTED IN GOV/1828. MISSION REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS FOR A&B COMMITTEE.
END SUMMARY.

1. RE PARA 16, DG REQUESTS BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO RECLASSIFY THREE P-5 POSTS WHOSE INCUMBENTS HAVE REACHED TOP OF GRADE TO D-1 LEVEL AS "SPECIAL MERIT PROMOTIONS". (THERE IS NO RPT NO FURTHER MENTION OF

THESE POSTS ELSEWHERE IN THE BUDGET NOR IN THE PROPOSED MANNING TABLE FOR 1978.) MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED THAT INTENTION IS TO ALLOW INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED TO RETIRE WITH D-1 LEVEL PENSION. MISSION BELIEVES THIS PROPOSAL DOES NOT RPT NOT REFLECT GOOD MANAGEMENT PRACTICE AND SHOULD BE OPPOSED. MISSION NOTES THAT THERE ARE PRESENTLY 15 STAFF MEMBERS THAT HAVE REACHED TOP LEVEL OF P-5 GRADE AND THAT DURING NEXT TWO YEARS, AN ADDITIONAL

NINE WILL ALSO HAVE REACHED THAT LEVEL. THUS THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE INCREASED PRESSURES FOR SIMILAR PROMOTIONS OF OTHERS IN THIS SITUATION ONCE THIS PRECEDENT IS ESTABLISHED. WHILE RECOGNIZING DESIRABILITY OF PROVIDING APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION TO DESERVING AGENCY STAFF MEMBERS, WE BELIEVE THIS COULD BE DONE IN MORE DESIRABLE WAY, E.G. PROVIDING DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WITH CASH GRANT. RECOGNITION IN FORM OF PROVIDING RETIREMENT WITH D-1 LEVEL PENSION STRIKES US AS EXCESSIVE. FURTHERMORE, ACQUIESCENCE IN THIS PROPOSAL WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY RESULT IN ADDED PRESSURES FOR INCREASING NUMBER OF D-LEVEL POSTS ON BASIS OF POSSIBLE MERIT, SUCH AS DIRECTOR MONACO LABORATORY, DIRECTOR OF SEIBERSDORF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LABORATORY, HEAD OF AGENCY'S COMPUTER SECTION, ETC. WHICH ARE NOW HELD BY INDIVIDUALS AT P-5 LEVEL.

FYI. MISSION UNDERSTANDS, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN URGING DG FOR SOME TIME TO CONVERT HEAD OF COMPUTER SECTION TO D-LEVEL POST. END FYI. MISSION BELIEVES PRACTICE OF ESTABLISHING NEW P-6 LEVEL POSTS (WHICH TWO OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS APPARENTLY

HAVE DONE) WOULD ALSO BE AN UNDESIRABLE WAY OF DEALING WITH MATTER, PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS WOULD BE A DEPARTURE FROM THE COMMON UN SYSTEM, WHICH WOULD BE A BAD PRECEDENT.

2. RE PARA B.8, WE WOULD PROPOSE ADDING MENTION OF

INTERNATIONAL URANIUM RESOURCES EVALUATION PROJECT
(IUREP) WHICH IS BEING CARRIED OUT JOINTLY BY IAEA
AND OECD/(NEA).

3. RE PARA B.9, WE PROPOSE SUGGESTING THAT AGENCY
ALSO ACQUIRE EXPERTISE THROUGH CONSULTANTS RELATING
TO OTHER ENERGY SOURCES IN ADDITION TO SOLAR ENEGY,
E.G., GEOTHERMAL, WIND, ETC., BUT THAT AGENCY NOT RPT
NOT ACQUIRE THIS EXPERTISE BY ADDING NEW STAFF MEMBERS.
IN THIS CONNECTION, FOR EXAMPLE, WE MAY SUGGEST
DELETING "DURING 1978, HOWEVER", IN LAST SENTENCE OF
THIS PARA, SINCE IMPLICATION IS THAT ADDITIONAL STAFF
MEMBERS MIGHT BE ADDED LATER.

4. RE SECTION B (NUCLEAR POWER AND REACTORS) AND
MEETINGS 4 AND 22 IN ANNEX II, MISSION PROPOSES TO
REITERATE OUR VIEW STATED LAST YEAR (SEE PARA 9(F)
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REFTEL) THAT AGENCY SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT
ENCOURAGING DISSEMINATION OR EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION
IN CERTAIN FIELDS INVOLVING SUCH TECHNOLOGIES AS
REPROCESSING AND PLUTONIUM RECYCLING.

5. RE PARA C.17, MISSION BELIEVES JOINT IAEA/IIASA
RISK ASSESSMENT PROJECT SHOULD HAVE HIGHER PRIORITY
AND, IF NECESSARY, ADDITIONAL SENIOR STAFF (COST-FREE
OR OTHERWISE). (RECENT DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING
TRAVEL FUNDS FOR OTWAY TO ATTEND MEETING IN NEW
ORLEANS IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF SITUATION

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THAT NEEDS CORRECTING. STUDIES UNDER THIS PROJECT
WILL SOON REACH STAGE WHERE IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR
RESULTS RELEVANT TO PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS TO BE
DISSEMINATED AND MADE KNOWN TO TECHNICAL EXPERTS
THROUGH ATTENDANCE AT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS OR BY
OFFERING LECTURES AND OTHER SIMILAR MEANS.)
ACCORDINGLY, MISSION PROPOSES MAKE A POSITIVE STATE-
MENT TO THIS EFFECT AT A&B COMMITTEE.

6. RE PARA C.21, THERE IS NO RPT NO MENTION OF
AGENCY'S PROPOSED EXPANDED PROGRAM RELATING TO ITS
ACTIVITIES UNDER THE LONDON OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION,
WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN FEBRUARY (GOV/1820).
MISSION PLANS TO INQUIRE FURTHER FROM SECRETARIAT ABOUT
ITS PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS EXPANDED PROGRAM.

7. TABLE E.2 HAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FAO DIRECTOR
OF JOINT FAO/IAEA DIVISION UNDER "1976 ADJUSTED."
THIS WILL BE CORRECTED.
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8. RE PARA E.12, PHRASE AT END OF THIS PARA,
"EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON GENERAL RADIATION
CHEMICAL INVESTIGATION ON RELATED FOOD PRODUCTS."
IS MEANINGLESS. MISSION WILL ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY
INTENTION SOUGHT.

9. RE PARA F.4, MISSION INTENDS TO MENTION ADDITIONAL
CONTRIBUTION OF U.S. CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED FOR
THIS PROGRAM IN FORM OF COST-FREE EXPERT FOR ONE YEAR.

10. RE PARA K.9, U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF ABOUT \$500,000
(ALSO REFERRED TO IN TABLE 1) REFLECTS ESTIMATED
AMOUNT UNDER U.S. SAFEGUARDS SUPPORT PROGRAM TO BE
TRANSFERRED AND ACTUALLY EXPENDED BY AGENCY FOR
SPECIFIED PURPOSES. MISSION INTENDS TO REFER TO
ADDITIONAL U.S. SUPPORT IN 1978 (WE UNDERSTAND ABOUT 2.1
MILLION) BEING EXPENDED IN U.S. SOVIET CONTRIBUTION OF
EQUIVALENT \$331,000 REFERRED TO IN SAME PARA REPRES-

SENTS 250,000 RUBLES, PRINCIPALLY FOR TRAINING.
SOVIETS CONTRIBUTED SAME AMOUNT FOR 1977.

11. MISSION NOTES THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO MENTION
OF PROPOSED SAFEGUARDS EVALUATION GROUP. WE BELIEVE
THAT THIS PORTION OF BUDGET SHOULD BE FURTHER
UPDATED PRIOR TO JUNE BOARD.

12. RE PARA L.12, WE PROPOSE TO SEEK ASSURANCES FROM
SECRETARIAT THAT ACCESS TO SAFEGUARDS AND OTHER
INFORMATION IN AGENCY'S COMPUTER WILL BE
ADEQUATELY PROTECTED, IN EVENT AGENCY PROCEEDS TO
ALLOW DIRECT ACCESS FROM REMOTE LOCATIONS TO AGENCY'S
COMPUTER FOR INIS AND AGRIS SERVICES.

13. RE PROPOSED ADVISORY GROUP ON HEALTH AND SAFETY
ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES
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(ITEM 65 IN ANNEX II), MISSION PROPOSES TO RECOMMEND
THAT THIS MEETING BE DELETED.

14. MISSION BELIEVES FORMAT AND PRESENTATION OF
BUDGET HAS BEEN EXCEPTIONALLY WELL DONE THIS YEAR AND
CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED OVER PREVIOUS YEARS. WE
PARTICULARLY WELCOME THE JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDITIONAL
POSTS AND FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF EXISTING POSTS IN
ANNEX IV. PROPOSED BUDGET AS PRESENTED, SUBJECT TO
FOREGOING COMMENTS, IS DESERVING OF U.S. SUPPORT.
MISSION WILL REPORT SEPARATELY ON RESULTS OF LOCAL
GENEVA GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED TODAY (APRIL 6) TO
DISCUSS AGENCY'S BUDGET.

15. RE PROPOSED TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS,
MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT U.S. BE AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT
A MODEST INCREASE OF \$500,000 IN TARGET, I.E., TO
\$6.5 MILLION, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS AMPLE CONSIDERING
CONTINUING LEVEL OF INCREASING UNOBLIGATED BALANCES
OF FUNDS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS (SEE PARA
25 OF AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1976, GOV/1829) WHICH
ARE UP TO \$3.9 MILLION. IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT
NEGOTIATING FLEXIBILITY, HOWEVER, IN EVENT IT BECOMES
NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON TARGET, MISSION
RECOMMENDS U.S. DEL BE AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO A
HIGHER FIGURE, BUT IN NO RPT NO CASE TO EXCEED \$7
MILLION. IN CONTEXT OF DEALING WITH THIS ITEM,
MISSION URGES FAVORABLE RESPONSE PRIOR TO A&B
COMMITTEE TO OUR PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING EQUIPMENT
AND EXPERTS CONTAINED IN IAEA VIENNA 2354.

16. MISSION REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS FOR A&B COMMITTEE
MEETING WHICH BEGINS APRIL 19.STONE

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